



## Supervisor Ralph Buona's Ashburn District



### Newsletter - June 2015

Happy summer, Ashburn District!

The sounds of children splashing in local pools, the scent of barbeque throughout the neighborhood, and the ending of the school are all signs that summer is almost here! As always, if you have questions or wish to provide feedback to my office, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In this newsletter, I provide updates on:

- **Transportation**
  - Waxpool Road - Pacific Boulevard and Broderick Road
  - Gloucester Parkway
  - Route 7/Belmont Ridge Road Interchange
  - Route 28 Improvements
- Whole Foods Grand Opening
- Night-time Economy Initiative
- Beaverdam Reservoir Re-Opening
- Vacancies on County Commissions, Committees, and Boards

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

##### *Waxpool Road - Pacific Boulevard and Broderick Road*

This much awaited project funds the design and construction of intersection improvements and turn lanes at Waxpool Road (Route 625) and Pacific Boulevard and Broderick Road. Discussions with adjacent property owners continue on the proposed locations of storm water management facilities. In the next quarter, land acquisition and utility relocation design and coordination will continue along with the development of 100% plans. Design approval is expected in early fall. Land acquisition is expected to take up to a year. Construction will most likely begin in the spring of 2017 and will last approximately one year.

##### *Gloucester Parkway*

This project designs and constructs a four-lane missing link of Gloucester Parkway between Loudoun County Parkway and Pacific Boulevard. Work continues on this critical project which will provide another much needed east/west roadway in the Ashburn area. In this quarter, land acquisition has progressed, and construction has begun on the east side of the Broad Run under a right of entry agreement with NA Dulles Real Estate (Kincora). Construction and land acquisition will continue over the next quarter. The project is planned to be completed in late summer of 2016.

#### *Route 7/Belmont Ridge Road Interchange*

You have most likely noticed the activity on this critical interchange, I know I have and I couldn't be more thrilled to see dirt moving! Land and right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation are underway. Construction will commence later this summer and will last up to 36 months.



Congestion Relief IS ahead for Loudoun!

#### *Route 28 Improvements*

On Monday, 11 May I joined with Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance members, state legislators, regional leaders, and representatives from VDOT and local transportation agencies for the groundbreaking of the Route 28 Widening Improvements project in Sterling. The \$99 million project will bring traffic relief and make commuting easier in Loudoun, Fairfax, and Prince William Counties. These road improvements will ease the daily commute for 125,000 motorists. The project scope consists of Route 28 North being widened from McLearen Road to the Dulles Toll Road and Route 28 South being widened from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 50. Route 28 South will also be widened from Sterling Boulevard to the Dulles Toll Road, providing much needed "hot spot" improvements.

#### **Nighttime Economy Initiative**

The Board recently approved the Economic Development Advisory Commission's request to embark upon a Nighttime Economy Initiative. The project is described below and is being managed by a sub-committee of the EDAC.

#### *Vision*

To develop creative place-making opportunities and sensible policies which encourage an increased nighttime social life for residents, employees, and visitors of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

#### *Mission*

The Nighttime Economy Ad Hoc Committee will examine policies, resources, and amenities that address Loudoun County's nightlife offerings. Specifically, the Committee will address policies that can boost entertainment offerings throughout the County and increase financial prospects for employment and business development while also helping to enhance the sense of community throughout the diverse areas that comprise our County.

#### *Definition and Key Elements*

A nighttime economy is the product of an integrated restaurant-bar-retail-entertainment area. It is part of building a 24-hour community. A true nighttime economy should have an array of activities which appeal to multiple demographic cohorts at different times throughout the night.

Establishments and facilities commonly associated with the nighttime economy include restaurants, bars, cafes, lounges, performance venues, retail, and public spaces, including those with programmed activity. The Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI) Model includes Six Core Elements (the seventh was added by Loudoun County) of a nighttime economy:

- (1) Entertainment - including dining/social/performance venues, events, mix of uses.
- (2) Public Space & Amenities - including geographic boundaries, multi-use sidewalks, outdoor dining, design.
- (3) Housing Diversity & Affordability - various housing types, housing affordability.
- (4) Transportation - including connectivity, multi-modal transportation, nighttime transportation services and amenities, safe rides, shared rides, valet parking, taxi services.
- (5) Public Safety - including crime prevention, understanding issues related to closing times and crowds, parking lot safety, and DUI prevention.
- (6) Compliance - including liquor laws, safety plans, server training, security training, patron behavior, age identification, zoning, and safety alliances.
- (7) Economic Development Initiatives/Incentives - including the permitting process, marketing, and business incentives.



Top Golf is Coming to Ashburn Soon!

### **Whole Foods Shopping Center**

Loudoun's first Whole Foods is scheduled to open on 29 July! Stay tuned for more information on the other high-end shops that will be part of this new shopping amenity.

### **Beaverdam Creek Reservoir Public Access Restored**

The Beaverdam Creek Reservoir re-opened for public recreational use at the end of May. The reservoir will open temporarily open until 2017, at which point it will be closed for improvements to the dam and spillway. Once that work is complete, the reservoir will re-open permanently. For more information on the re-opening and the future dam project, [click here](#). Thank you to Loudoun Water for working with the Board and listening to the community to provide access to this wonderful amenity.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

There are currently four openings for Ashburn District Residents to serve. More information on each position can be found at: <http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=2473>. An application and resume are required.

1. Animal Advisory Committee
2. Commission on Aging
3. Community Criminal Justice Board
4. Loudoun County Transportation Improvement & Safety Commission

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